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Development sought

Manager gets on economic council

By Debbie Hasechak

Drayton Valley will have representation in a group which could help initiate stronger economic development in the area.

Town manager Manny Doel and Councillor Claire Carfoot have been appointed to the Yellowhead Economic Council, a newly established group recently announced by MP Joe Clark.

The council is to be made up of about 20 representatives from communities, businesses, local governments and economic development committees throughout the Yellowhead constituency.

In a press release, Clark indicated the main objective of the council would be to investigate development opportunities in the region and identify ways and means that programs could be brought forward to government or industry.

"The Economic Council should also work closely with provincial government departments," noted Clark, adding it is hoped contact will be with the relevant departments as soon as possible to encourage involvement.

According to the release, the council will also

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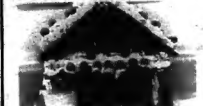
Holiday Deadline Change

In observance of the Christmas holiday, The Western Review offices will be closed Monday Dec. 24 and 25 and reopen Wednesday, Dec. 26. We will publish Wednesday, however, there will be a delay reaching our dealers and the post office and some subscribers will not receive this issue that same day.

The holiday will also result in a change of deadlines for classifieds and display advertising. Please submit all classifieds or display ads for the Dec. 28 issue prior to 12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27.

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Santa comes to town

About 60 children took part in the first annual Rocky Rapids Christmas concert Dec. 11. Everyone enjoyed the evening directed by local

moments but the highlight for the children was the arrival of Santa Claus and the presents he delivered to them.

Illegal hunting on the rise

By Debbie Hasechak

Although the big game hunting season in the Drayton Valley area officially ended Dec. 1, illegal activity is still being reported.

"We're still receiving complaints on hunting in the off-season," said local Fish and Wildlife officer Don Onofrychuk.

He noted this hunting season resulted in an increase of reports of illegal hunting activity.

"It was an extremely busy hunting season and we received numerous complaints, especially of people hunting on occupied land without asking permission."

Onofrychuk said a number of cases were brought to court for trial and investigations into matters that occurred during the season and off season are still underway.

Other regulatory infractions included hunting at night, and shooting animals and leaving them.

"Just recently we had a cow moose illegally shot and then left. All that was taken were the hind quarters," he noted.

"This year there seems to be a real increase in that type of thing."

Anyone seeing illegal hunting activity is asked to report it to the Fish and Wildlife Office.

Meanwhile, Onofrychuk said the trapping season is underway in the area and a number of residential and registered lines have been set up.

To assist trappers, a basic trapping, fur handling and conservation course will be held in Drayton Valley in mid-February.

Those interested are asked to register through the local Fish and Wildlife office.

Fish and Wildlife Officer Dennis Urban of Evansburg also reported one of the busiest seasons on record. He noted that the number of prosecutions in his office doubled.

Opinions

Choices available

Caution should be taken by all

There comes a time when one is drinking when a choice about 'having that last one' is made. Call it a point of no-return, but it adds, and we're only fooling ourselves if we pretend it isn't there.

At this time of year the temptation to go beyond it is more evident than at any other. Christmas parties abound with friends and co-workers sharing a few drinks in celebration of the holiday season.

Unfortunately the problem arises where drunken drivers take to the roads after these get-togethers. And in each community someone will spoil someone else's Christmas because of thoughtlessness and the inability to say 'no' to another drink.

It's a choice each of us has to make for ourselves and the frequency we have to make it increases at this time of the year. But there are alternatives if we must drink, such as taxis and designated drivers.

However if we decide to 'have another' then we must run the risk and suffer the consequences. Hopefully our decisions won't weigh too heavily on other people's lives.



Storm leaves its mark

These snow drifts were made during last Friday's wind storm. The wind blew violently across the fields on open plains packing the snow in the hollows of the ditch.

Christmas a time for friendship

Old-fashioned Christmas stories from my mother's childhood have always held a fascination for me. They stem from a homestead in Northern Alberta back in the '30's and '40's without electricity or running water.

Most of the gifts they made themselves and they weren't nearly as elaborate as what we consider essential today, yet she speaks fondly of those Christmases, and the ball that rings the loudest is the one which describes the feeling of "family".

She recalls how my grandfather was able to bring Christmas oranges and other perishables the 20 miles from Grande Prairie by horse and sleigh and keep them from freezing — how he did it still mystifies her. The gifts she received aren't as important as the feast and the special treats my grandfather made from the harvest money. And

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the gifts that lay beneath the Christmas tree over the years aren't as important; as her memory of cleaning a circle of frost from the window on Christmas Eve to watch for my grandfather bringing home a tree on the hay rack.

These are memories from a child's Christmas and over the years we add our own and they generate a warmth, a "family" feeling which is unique to each of us. But as we grow older and become more responsible the season takes on different meanings.

This year, I was prompted to send Christmas cards for the first time in years. A

best friend had sent his off early and he included a simple note expressing his thanks for my support and friendship over the past year.

The element of friendship has become central to my adult Christmases and I realized how good it made me feel to be appreciated. It made me realize that I could also make someone else feel good by expressing my thanks for their respective friendship and contributions to my life. And what I also realize is that such friendships hold the same warmth as those childhood memories.

Friendship is a gift which can never be overestimated and we should cherish that which our friends have given us over the previous year.

And it should be remembered that Christmas is a time of giving, and that giving is also a form of giving, which is the most valuable gift you can give in a friendship.

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Your Comment

Are you getting into the Christmas spirit?



Nigel Beck
Estyville
I'm getting into the Christmas spirit because of all my grandchildren.

Matthew Jenner
Drayton Valley
Yes, because of all the decorations around town and the music. It makes you remember last Christmas and look forward to the one coming up.

Edward Nelson
Breton
I suppose. The stores are looking pretty and there is lots of snow.

Gwen Cook
Drayton Valley
I'm in a foster home right now and they're taking care of me. That puts me in the spirit.

Jackie Urchak
Drayton Valley
Yes, because it's Christmas time and I'm buying presents.

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PIAD continues efforts to meet with MP Clark

The Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development (PIAD) will continue its plans to meet with External Affairs Minister Joe Clark despite recent setbacks.

The local group wants to discuss several issues with the "Yellowhead MP," most of all the country's position on nuclear arms and the revision of the national foreign policy Clark promised during the summer election campaign.

The 14 members present also discussed including peace and nuclear education in the public school curriculum.

At its meeting Thursday, the group agreed to and later drafted a letter to Clark outlining their concerns and requesting a meeting for at least the third time.

On two other occasions, a scheduled meeting was cancelled between Clark and the group.

"In the letter we make the point that with his election to office and his new ministerial duties there are time constraints but I believe that we haven't heard from him," PIAD organizer Wally Heinrichs said Monday.

During the summer campaign, Clark met with founding PIAD members for a 45-minute discussion session where he was presented with a "manifesto on national defence, which he said he would respond to — which hasn't happened," Heinrichs said.

The institute is "pursuing public consultation in developing a foreign policy line he (Clark) promised."

PIAD is also requesting updated information on the government's position on a nuclear arms freeze and the cruise missile tests slated for the new year.

"A freeze is a first step towards some sort of arms control policy. If government doesn't support a freeze, it's pretty clear what it does support," Heinrichs said.

On the same minute, the institute would like to know the justification for its testing on Canadian soil in terms of national security.

Although Heinrichs said the letter is complete, it has yet to be forwarded to Clark.

On a more local level, PIAD members are looking for school board support for including

nuclear and peace education in the school curriculum.

The subject has already been included in course studies, but Heinrichs and PIAD co-founder Rob Macintosh would like to see equity support for the idea.

At Thursday's meeting, Macintosh pointed out that in the Global and Environmental Issues course offered at H.W. Fisher Junior High School, students considered the nuclear issues as the number one global concern.

Without any course introduction or discussion, students were asked to pick their top global concerns, Macintosh explained, "all but none had the nuclear question in the top five."

When asked to prioritize their choices, all had nuclear weapons as number one.

Although PIAD has approached Peggy Davies, the board's director of curriculum and received some support, they're still in a preliminary inquiry stage and along way from submitting any formal proposal or outline to the board, Heinrichs stressed.

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Another strategy involves grouping animals according to condition and age. "Heifers and first year cows should be separate from the older animals because they need more feed to grow as well as produce a calf."

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Feeding methods may be open to criticism too.

"Well-constructed feeders will pay for themselves quickly by having feed from trampling, soiling and just plain loss."

"This is actually more important with poorer quality feeds as animals must eat less and will use the rest for bedding," Walky said.

Other suggestions include grinding feeds to insure proper mixing, adding grain to rations and putting some animals in custom feedlots.

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But the possibility of being stranded on the highway in a cold winter night exists and Turner suggests taking precautions.

First off, he says warm clothing is a must with winter footwear, warm headgear and mittens, which are warmer than gloves, necessary in case of car trouble.

Poor area crops contribute to feed shortages

A less than satisfactory crop year has caused feed shortages for farmers in the Drayton Valley area.

"Most farmers are finding themselves short of everything except grain," said District Agriculturalist Doug Walker.

The situation is not one generally encountered by local producers. "Normally we are fed exporters."

Walky said there are several strategies that can be considered if farmers find their feed piles rapidly dwindling.

"Analyze your feeds. You cannot make the most efficient use of feeds without knowing how good they are."

"Feeding only one pound of feed per day per cow is an average also herd can amount to saving seven round bales."

There are other ideas to consider as well. "Compare feed prices on the price per unit of protein or energy not on a price per pound."

Walky advised that producers should separate feeders for the herd as soon as possible. "Take a real close look at any buyers you have been holding."

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Another problem to consider this time of year is deficiencies in cattle diets.

"Deficiency is a normal thing in this area because there isn't enough copper and zinc in the soil to fulfill cattle's needs after the crops have grown."

Calcium deficiency is a problem as well, he said.

Research over the past two years on grazing reserves shows supplementing copper and zinc gives an extra 20 lbs. per head, and \$50 to \$70 in increased efficiency and health.

The district agriculturalist said supplementing copper and zinc is cheap and easy. "Select a trace mineral salt with about 0.25 per cent copper, 0.75 per cent zinc and 10 ppm (parts per million) of selenium."

Warm clothing essential

Winter drivers should prepare

You're packing the car for your annual Christmas journey — yup, it's all there — 25 gifts, five suitcases, and even that favourite loan pillow.

But what about a blanket or extra-warm clothing?

Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Tom Turner says these are essentials when it comes to winter travelling, yet many motorists pay little attention to them.

"We find a lot of people who travel like it's summer outside," he noted.

"It's also and warm in their vehicle so they don't worry about proper clothing or anything like that."

But the possibility of being stranded on the highway in a cold winter night exists and Turner suggests taking precautions.

First off, he says warm clothing is a must with winter footwear, warm headgear and mittens, which are warmer than gloves, necessary in case of car trouble.

"To meet their requirements, cows should eat about one ounce of trace mineral salt each day or 100 cows should eat one bag of salt in eight days."

"Mature cows on a grass-legume hay should get a mixture of 75 per cent trace mineral salt and 25 per cent 18-16 mineral."

When feeding a straw and grain ration or greenfeed, producers should use a 2:1 type mineral in the salt mix, he added.

And he said calves should get supplemented as well.

"Hi-Road salt should not be fed for more than 30 days at a time," Walky stressed.

"The argon iodine in this product can be toxic if fed continuously."

But he said, trace mineral salt can be fed constantly and can help control foot rot.

He also recommends that a snowmobile or warm blanket be kept in your vehicle.

As for other items which could come in handy, Turner says a candle should receive number one priority.

"It's unbelievable how much heat a little candle will trigger inside a car," he notes.

A flashlight may also be beneficial for flagging passing vehicles down.

"Another handy thing to remember is a small hatchet which you could use to get wood for a fire."

As well, it may be wise to keep some food such as candy in your car, since hunger can result in loss of body heat.

Other than that, it's just a matter of checking your vehicle to make sure it's in proper condition before travelling any distance.

But of course, difficulties cannot always be foreseen and Turner emphasizes the need for being prepared.

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Cold weather precautions a must this year

By Debbie Henschel

Reverberating. You walk outside and the air is so cold you can just feel it seeping into your body, taking away all warmth. But as well as giving you the shivers there's something else the bitter weather can give you — frostbite.

According to West Central Health Unit community health nurse Elaine Nihilfork, there are three degrees of frostbite, varying from mild to very serious.

The first is frostnip which is painless, while developing and usually involves the nose, cheeks, fingers, or toes.

Affected areas will take on a white, waxy appearance and may lose some feeling.

However, no need to rush to the doctor since Nihilfork says frostnip is superficial, requiring minor treatment, although there are some steps to keep in mind.

"Too often people make the mistake of putting

something hot on the area," explains Nihilfork, noting that's one of the worst things.

"If you put something as hot as alcohol, grease, put something oiled. Anything hot will make it worse and cause more damage."

Fingers and toes which are frostbitten should be wrapped to speed up circulation with that being the only treatment required.

Something to remember is to not rub the affected areas, since friction can also result in damage to the skin.

Finally which is left untreated and exposed to freezing temperatures could result in a more advanced case known as superficial frostbite.

Although more layers of skin and tissue are affected, the area should be warmed in the same manner as frostnip.

Unfortunately, although superficial frostbite is treated easily enough, the end results are noticeable and painful.

Once re-warmed, the frostbitten area will

become numb and turn a mottled blue or purple color, followed by swelling and pain.

If the freezing is deep enough blood vessels could be damaged, resulting in blisters which should be covered with a light, sterile dressing.

After that, a trip to the doctor is a sure bet.

Nihilfork says the most serious form of frostbite is deep frostbite with the tissue of the area hard to touch.

"If you get deep frostbite you'll have a lot of trouble. The skin will slough off and the vein will remain."

In cases of deep frostbite it's best to seek medical attention for proper care.

She, although a physician, can treat it, the damage is often long-lasting.

"If you've frozen your ear and go out the next winter it will be very sensitive," she explains. "In fact, it will probably last for several winters."

Locally, there is something you can do to avoid any type of frostbite, no matter what the weather — bundle up.

Family Candlelight Service

Come and join us on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church for a short service to remind us the true meaning of Christmas. Several children will be participating. Everyone is invited to share with us in joyous fellowship.

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Recreation

St. Albert wins local tournament

By Carol Dietrich

Cold weather and dangerous driving conditions put a damper on the early tournament hosted by the Frank Maddock High School Anasone basketball team Dec. 12-13.

All eight teams showed up for at least one game though Edson didn't arrive for their Friday game and the Evansburg team didn't return to continue playing Saturday.

"And the Camrose boys even hit the ditch," said Anasone's coach and tournament organizer Dave Schwaib.

The cancellations caused problems for the host team. "They threw things out of their heads at a scheduling point of view."

But the tournament went ahead as planned and after the two days of competition, the St. Albert team emerged the winners with a 3-0 record.

Leduc placed second and the Camrose team third.

The Anasone finished in sixth spot with one win and two losses. "I was hoping we would have played better," said Schwaib.

Bad shooting plagued our efforts in the game against Evansburg. We let the game get away from us. Evansburg beat the Anasone 64-42.

In our second game, where we beat Morinville 10-8, we had a good 10-minute section of basketball where we scored most of our points.

"The rest of the time we had problems with poor defense, poor shooting and poor passing."

"We were very inconsistent from game to game but have trouble putting all the elements of the game together."

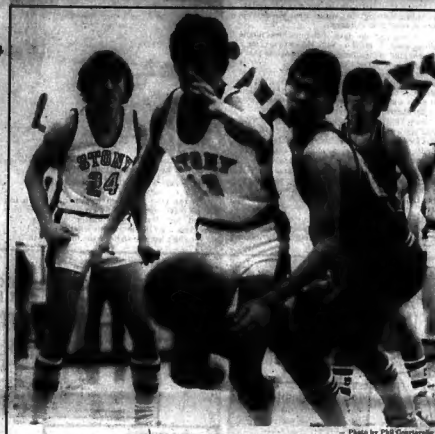
"We haven't played 46 minutes of basketball yet," he added.

Evansburg didn't show in the tournament because they played only one game but coach Charlotte Smith was satisfied with their performance.

"I didn't expect them to play so well so early in the season."

"They did exceptionally well. We lack height so we have to make up for it in speed and mental discipline."

The Anasone will host another tournament in mid-February.

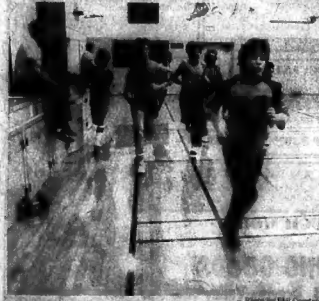


Tough first game

The senior Warriors basketball team from Frank Maddock High School had their hands full here Wednesday against a tough veteran squad from Stoney Creek Composite High School. The boys team trailed for throughout their first

game this year and lost by some 30 points. The team heads to a high school tournament sponsored by Red Deer College Jan. 5 and to Barhead the following weekend for their first round of the basketball season.

Hockey teams condition with off-ice training



In an effort to improve conditioning — and possibly their league record — Rose's Well Services Clippers have taken up off-ice training on a triton a week basis.

The Central Alberta Hockey League midweek 17 team joined their two counterparts, the Gatling Rangers, Thursday for their first training session at H.W. Pickup Junior High School.

Outrigger, the only other minor hockey team doing the extra training in town, started earlier this season and coach Dale Warren says the results are noticeable.

"At the beginning of the year we were 1-4 after five games," Warren said. "After about a month of off-ice training we're 8-10 (wins, losses and ties)."

League record aside, the training results are clearly seen in the team's last period performance. In at least two recent games (Dec. 8-9), the Rangers were trailing going into the final period but staged late-game comeback victories 7-4 and 4-1 against 6-6.

"It's a self-improvement thing," Warren said. "They're not out to beat the next guy but to improve themselves."

With only one hour a week for practice, it doesn't leave much time for conditioning and learning hockey skills, he continued, adding the team now concentrates strictly on hockey during practices and leaves conditioning for the off-ice time.

The training includes both aerobic and strength training Tuesday and Thursday at the junior high school.

At 1:15, the Clippers are also off-ice some time.

"We've probably about of started a month before the season started," Clippers head coach Gary Bussard said. "When we could've cut down to more work."

Like the Rangers, the midsize boys only a one-hour practice session at Centennial Civic Arena a week and whatever games are scheduled.

The conditioning is also intended to cut down playing injuries, Warren and Bussard said.

In other news, the Norvetic Warriors will host an eight team tournament here Dec. 22-23 starting at 7 a.m. Saturday against Stoney Plain.

Clippers, meanwhile, are trying to raise funds for an Edson tournament Jan. 4.

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About 18 local soccer buffs turned out for Thursday's first indoor session held at the Rec. Pk. from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Aside from a break

at Christmas, indoor soccer should go weekly until April 4, organizer Simon Kelly said.

The sport is also open to anyone interested.

The games are played using the full size soccer ball, with no out-of-bounds and only a few different rule changes, such as no shots over the head. From the ball used is modified for indoor

soccer, like a large tennis ball.

"It's not strictly for soccer players," Kelly said. "It's competitive, but it's not league."

"It's good exercise and a good way to stay in shape," he added.

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Minor Hockey

Joe Cathers and the J&A Mites with their goals against Strathmore last week in a 4-1 win. Dec. 11, Jason Roseberry added J&A's fourth goal and Clayton Lindsay had the team's only assist.

On Dec. 9, Flint Mites defeated Strathmore 2-1 at Centennial Civic Arena. Tyne Ullrich led Flint with three goals. Jason Vogel and Todd Michurs had two assists in the contest.

The Outrigger Rangers scored four goals in the second and third periods Dec. 15 enroute to a 4-0 win over the Rocky Mountain House "Flames" in Rocky Mountain House. Team captain Craig Warren had two unassisted strikes while Randy Kato and Mike Kennedy added unassisted goals of their own.

On Dec. 15, the Rangers were defeated by the Inuit/Flyers 6-3 here. Steven Street had one goal and two assists in that game.

Basketball
Junior High
The H.W. Pickay Junior High School girls' team lost to a junior varsity squad from Stony Plain Composite High School 27-41 here Wednesday.

Despite a 14-14 halftime score, the local girls' team were stopped by a Stony Plain press early in the third quarter and never recovered. It was the team's first competition this year.

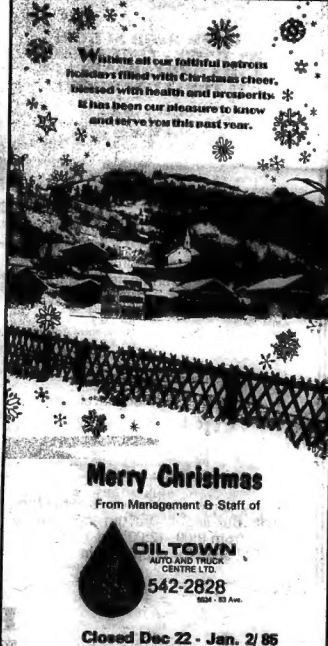
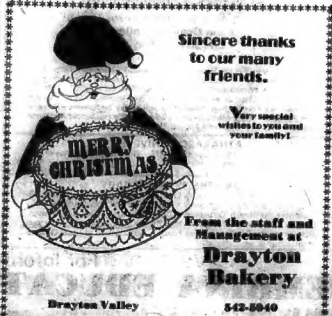
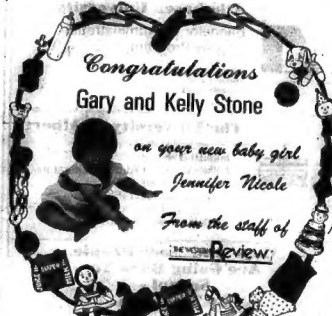
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Bowlers of the Week
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Kathy Howard 181
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The Drayton Valley Tigers downed the local RCMP for the second time this year Monday night, 66-58. The local ladies' team beat the RCMP by about 14 points in a fun game early this year.





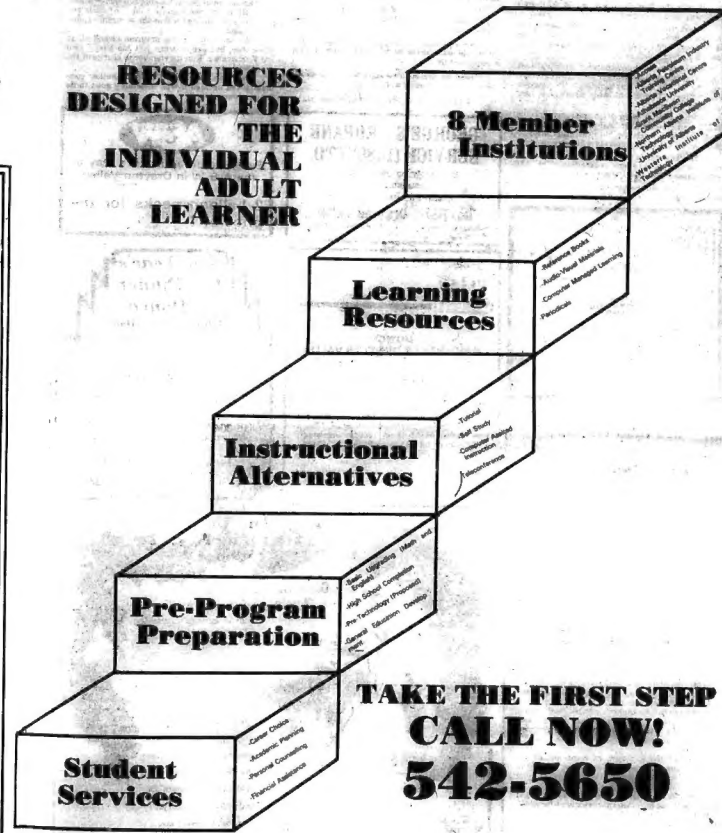
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Service club introduces child identification

By Carol Dietrich

What's the first thing you would do if your child was missing or lost?

You'd call the police, of course. But would you be able to provide them with specific information as to your child's height, weight or other important identifying features?

In an effort to supply parents with just that kind of pertinent information about their offspring, the RCMP in conjunction with the Drayton Valley Kinship Club will be bringing in a child identification program.

With parental permission, members of the RCMP and Kinship Club will provide a standard form on which a child's physical description, a photo and a set of fingerprints will be recorded.

"This is purely a voluntary thing and we are in no way going to become custodians of the information," said Cpl. Chris Lee.

"The form will be turned over to the parents and they can keep it in a safe place."

The minimal cost of the program will be absorbed by the Kinship Club, Lee said.

But the success of this child identification program depends strictly on interest in the community, he said.

"We would like to work it through the schools and make sure it is at the daycare or preschool level if requested to."

"Also we are open to implementing it in the rural school system as well."

The program is in the planning stages right now, but Lee said the RCMP and Kinship Club would likely approach the schools in January.

The idea to begin such a program was brought to the RCMP by the Kinship Club. "At their request, we are utilizing them as the program's sponsor," he said.

"We tried to get this program kicked off in November, but people were just too busy," said Pat Karhanevics, Kinship member in charge of the program.

"Our club heard about it from another community and decided it was something good to do for our community."

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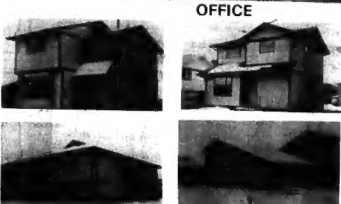
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Dec. 6 - **TELMAN**, Patrick & Katherine, Drayton Valley, girl, 3070 grams, 7 lbs. 14 oz. Dec. 6 - **MACINTOSH**, Robert & Lori, Drayton Valley, girl, 4440 grams, 9 lbs. 12 oz. Dec. 8 - **RUDERSEN**, Wade & Dawa, JONES, Woodville, girl, 4400 grams, 7 lbs. 11 oz. Dec. 9 - **MAZEPPA**, Ren & Shirley, Evansburg, girl, 3110 grams, 6 lbs. 10 oz. Dec. 11 - **KING**, Sharon, Drayton Valley, girl, 3140 grams, 6 lbs. 14 oz. Dec. 13 - **ROBINSON**, Eli & Bobbie, Drayton Valley, girl, 2150 grams, 4 lbs. 12 oz. Dec. 13 - **HALUSZKA**, Iver & Donna, Breton, girl, 3000 grams, 7 lbs. 1 oz. The winner of this week's spoon is Mrs. Macintosh with her daughter weighing 4440 grams.

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Hunting, fishing, camping, etc.
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Seba Beach tenders awarded

The school board last week awarded tenders for the modernization of Seba Beach School building an addition and playground. Receiving the \$3,097,000 contract for the addition and modernization is Hinder Construction Ltd. The \$1,024,000 contract for playground development went to Perini and Menz Construction Ltd. Tenders were opened Dec. 6 and architect Morley Workman reviewed the submissions. Administration recommended awarding the addition and modernization tender to Hinder, the lowest of eight bids, because they also have a credible background in construction and are adequately capitalized. Perini and Menz, the lowest of six, also had an adequate background in playground construction. The school board was reasonably satisfied with the playground bids, which they ranged as high as \$330,000. Including furniture and other expenses, the total project cost is \$3,715,000. Government funding pays just over half at \$1,400,000.

Tough times ahead for school board?

By Richard McCabe
The school board may have to reassess its spending priorities putting more emphasis on staffing and children than "bricks and mortar," Business Services Director Mel Poole warned last week. With provincial funding frozen, an anticipated drop in equalized assessment, and a high debt burden, the board could face difficult times in the next few years, Poole warned. "It's going to be a tough time from here on in," he added. "We have to be very wary of the capital commitment side." In an interview, Poole said the board is now spending more than 20 per cent of its budget on debt servicing. Between the 1984 and 1985 budgets, money spent on servicing the debt rose by half-million dollars, Poole said. Education Minister David King has rejected a board request that the debt be restructured and instead advised the board to borrow from the bank to help meet any budget shortfalls resulting in part from high costs of debt servicing. While 1985 is expected to be the worst year, the next three years should be critical. "We are in a squeeze," said Poole. "Something's got to give. We don't have slack in the system in always bricks or mortar." The board's total debenture debt is now just under the \$60 million mark, although roughly 65 per cent of this can be recovered through provincial funding, Poole says. About \$17.5 million must be repaid by the local taxpayer. The financial pinch is the result of rapid school construction and upgrading to meet the expansion over the last decade during the boom years.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Water Resources Act
Ground Water Division
PANCANADIAN PETROLEUM LTD.,
Has obtained an exploration permit to make necessary examination & surveys under the water resources act to determine the feasibility of developing a possible maximum of 30,000 Canadian gallons of water per day (44 Acre ft. per acre) from a well on the S.E. 20-21-11-166 for industrial (injection) purposes. The depth interval to be investigated is from 100 ft. to 180 ft. Notice is hereby given that should the examination & surveys prove successful applications for a licence to drill under provisions of the water resources act for a licence to construct the necessary works to divert water in the amount indicated above. Any persons having a beneficial interest in the water may file objections with the controller of Water Resources, Alberta Environment, Calgary, Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta or on or before the 18th day of January, 1986. Please quote file No. 21460.

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Pool named, golf club receives MCR funding

Drayton Valley's new indoor aquatic facility has officially been named Park Valley Swimming Pool.

Approval was given at town council's Dec. 13 meeting following a recommendation made by the pool renovation board.

Mayor Bob Mayhew and councillors Clark Gordon and Tom Edson completed the committee which came up with the name.

It was derived in trying to make mention of both Fairhead County and Drayton Valley in the name.

Recreation director Dennis Wosney said Park Valley Pool is expected to be in operation in mid-February, with Jan. 15 tentatively set for the grand opening.

The Drayton Valley Golf Club will be the recipient of a \$35,143 grant pending negotiations with the MCR.

The money comes as a result of excess Major Cultural and Recreational (MCR) grant program funds from Leduc County.

The county offered the funds to Drayton Valley town council to go towards capital funding of its new swimming facility.

But as building funds for the estimated \$1.4 million project were already in place, it was decided to accept the offer from Leduc County and turn the money over to the golf club which is in the financial position to match the grant, a requirement of the program.

However, before the funds are turned over to the club, negotiations are to take place, possibly resulting in an agreement which would have the organization allocate a certain number of dollars that other groups could make use of at a later date.

The proposed negotiations with the golf club stems from concerns voiced by councillors that other local recreation groups could also make use of such funds.

"I think we're laying ourselves open for a lot of pin-point and criticism and appeal from other recreation groups who weren't considered," said Councillor Charlie Mear.

But it was pointed out the golf club was approached regarding the money because it is in the position to match the grant.

Councillor Howard Olson was also not in agreement with the decision, partially because he felt accepting such money from Leduc County would lead the group to believe it was free from having to contribute operational funds for the facility.

"I suggest Leduc County is still looking at operational costs," pointed out Councillor Mear, with Mayor Bob Mayhew adding a decision regarding the matter is still expected.

Negotiations with the golf club are expected to take place in the near future.

Another request made at the council meeting regarding recreation dealt with the possibility of hiring a second part or full-time programmer for the department.

Council agreed to look into the possibility of adding another staff member to the recreation area, stemming from requests from the recreation board.

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Woodworking wonders

After participating in a woodworking class sponsored by the Fairhead Educational Center, Beth Smith of Drayton Valley was able to fashion a wooden horse, as well as a doll house. Seven area craftsmen took part in the course, constructing bank beds to coffee tables.

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Family and Community Support Services is requesting HELP.
The requests for the 1984 Christmas Voucher Program have been overwhelming.
In order to meet the needs of those less fortunate we are asking for financial donations to this program.
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Town symbol will serve as Senior Games logo

Less than a year since he was officially adopted as a town symbol, Rigby has been given the first job representing Dryden Valley.

The ad drop, indicated by the Chamber of Commerce last spring, will serve as the final symbol on the 1984 Alberta Senior Games logo.

Together with its promotional committee, the Senior Games Executive have approved Rigby for

Deputy minister says

County won't be overlooked

Parish County Board of Education's session won't be overlooked in a study looking into setting a new municipality including the west part of the county, says Archie Grover, deputy minister of Municipal Affairs.

Although the immediate priority is determining financial feasibility of a new county, Grover adds, "I am sure however, that the educational implications will be a constant concern of our study team throughout the course of the study. I might add that we expect the Department of Education to have a staff member on the study team to assist us in fully addressing the matter."

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Commitment to Christ must be absolute

By Sylvia L. Balch
Once Christ requires a total commitment from us, we must give it.

From childhood on throughout life, it seems there is always a commitment required. We are unfree to live in the role of the country we live in, and in many countries people with they would not be able to enter civil rule, not after years of opposing struggles. Finally give in and yield or commit themselves and accept the rule as a way of life.

I spent 21 years working for one company and committed myself to their work rules giving my total service to the best of my abilities. In marriage, commitments are made one to another, which in these days, seems to be short-lived.

Crab apples good for making pies

By Linda Glynn
789-2372

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For crab apple pie filling, peel and slice 4 lbs. of crab apples. Place in a large saucepan. Add 1 cup honey, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves. Mix well. Simmer for 2 minutes, cool slightly, add 2 tablespoons flour and mix together well.

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More than 25 years ago I committed myself to my wife and said, "I'll do it all."

Yet others have committed themselves to serve in wars that we can live in a free country — some not returning to enjoy the freedom that we enjoy here.

Roman 6:12 & 13 says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves as instruments of righteousness unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Read 1 John 2:9, also.

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Religious people commit themselves to attend church and will not miss a single service, which is good practice, but committing ones self to an organization is not the reason Christ came into this world.

St. Mark 10:17, 22 says, "A man came to Jesus, kneeling to Him and said, 'What shall I do that I may have eternal life?' This man from his youth had committed himself to keeping all the commandments, yet in verse 21, Jesus said, 'One thing thou lackest: go that way, sell whatever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come, take up the cross, and follow me.'"

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Garry McGinn's Welding
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Correction
In the Dec. 13 issue of The Western Review a group in a photo of a slough pipe was incorrectly identified.
The Violet Grove 4-H Beef Club was improperly identified as the Dryden Valley 4-H Beef Club. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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New executive elected for Rod and Gun Club

By Hazel Winfield

The Wildwood Christmas Market was well attended. Tables were set up in the community hall with beautiful handicrafts and goodies. People would choose from dough ornaments to homemade gifts and Christmas goodies.

At the senior citizens dinner held in the Wildwood Hall Dec. 2, someone went home with the wrong coat. It was a black fur coat that was left by mistake. The lady would like her own coat, as it was a gift from her daughter.

The George Hite celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Mexico.

The Ladies Aid raffie was drawn on Friday evening at their biage. First prize was a quilt won by Mrs. Oonah-Lee, second, a spoon rack, was won by Doris Ahlberg; third, a rug, was won by Cheryl Hite.

The Rod and Gun Club held their annual meeting in the Wildwood Complex on Sunday.

Wildwood News

Karl Kummert was voted as president; Edson Reynolds as vice-president; Treasurer, Elmer Hahl, secretary, Charlene Kummert. They held their meetings the second Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Wildwood Complex.

The Wildwood Senior Citizens Club held their Christmas dinner on Wednesday. Fifty members enjoyed a ham and chicken dinner.

There will be no card game on Boxing Day. The Agricultural Society held their annual meeting Dec. 13 in the Wildwood Complex. Voted as president was Ernie Vashonky; first vice-president, Gilbert O'Brien, second vice-pres. Jim Wood (Walter); secretary, Heather Lacombe; long coordinator, Caroline Russell.

Family and relatives gathered at the Senior Citizens Centre to help Abbie Winfield celebrate her birthday.

Tickets for the Emeralds' dance are available at the Wildwood Confectionery. The dance is Dec. 28.

Not well wishes to Cliff Davis, Rick Papez, Julie Baby and Jack Ryan.

Pete McMoran is home from the hospital. Oscar Vickers had a few friends in to help him celebrate his 80th birthday.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and happiness for the New Year!

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Happy 29th Birthday Wayne

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The final product looks simple, too simple for the work sometimes involved.



Jackie Freeman applies more cement to keep things together.



The essential tools and materials.

Quick, pass the cement....

By Phil Courtenelle

There's nothing worse than a house that won't stand up. For work and you work and what happens? - the roof caves in or the walls crack. There's simply no justice.

The only solution - more icing.

Yes, icing. What else do you put on a gingerbread house. Cement?

Nope, icing's the answer. Just ask some of the Grade 9 home economics students from H.W. Pichay and St. Anthony Junior High schools.

The classes, taught by homeec instructor Susan Schwindt, got into the Christmas spirit last week but had some minor structural problems with their edible creations.

"It takes a lot of imagination to come up with something that sticks together," Schwindt said, referring to her students' gingerbread wonders and the school room's slight dryness.

"The kids enjoy it (making the houses) but it can be frustrating when things don't stick together," she said.

In some situations, the answer is more cement. Icing, that is - it's piled up thick and to hold pieces in place. The thicker the icing, the better.

"It (the icing) is virtually all sugar," 16-year-old Jackie Freeman laughed while decorating her and her partner, Shannon Smith's house.

From start to finish, the project took two classes with the last decorations laid in place Friday morning. From there, the projects were judged by faculty members and will be later displayed for the rest of the school (at H.W. Pichay).

It is the third year Schwindt has included the gingerbread houses as part of her homeec curriculum.

"The Grade 9 classes work more with dough. It's a little harder working with it so it doesn't come out tough or shrunk," she said.

According to Schwindt, individual marks are determined by each student's ability to follow directions and work with other students, their "clean-up" and, of course, project's final outcome.

— Photos by Phil Courtenelle

Semi-assembled gifts should prove less difficult

By Joanne Benger

Today is an Ember Day and the Jewish holiday of Chanukah.

The moon is in Scorpio today and Thursday as well as decreasing.

The color of Scorpio is red so shop for red Christmas decorations and gifts. Scorpio rules the part of the body referred to by Victorian as "secrets", so if it is gifts you are after, shop for underwear or visit a Love Shoppe.

Dec. 31-32 will find us in the jovial sign of Sagittarius. Christmas spirit will be felt everywhere. Party and enjoy yourself.

If you are still shopping, this sign rules the thighs so think of skirts, jeans, and appliances in shades of dark blue, purple, and green. Appliances and gadgets may be bought too.

They great Christmas decorations to contrast with the red ones bought in Scorpio.

Write letters and send mail out. Send

A Farm Wife's Almanac

by Joanne Benger

Christmas cards to those from whom you've received cards.

If a Christmas trip is on the agenda now's the time to have the car checked out. Repair appliances, too.

New Moon occurs the 23rd so you'll spend Christmas in First Quarter, a time for new beginnings and fresh starts.

Dec. 23-24 will find us in Capricorn as we make our final Christmas preparations. Be careful not to injure your knees.

If you buy gifts now they will be down-to-earth in shades of black, grey and brown. Leather goods, furs and items made of wood and natural products can be bought.

Rain falls ere long.

Dec. 25-27 will find us in the festeristic sign of Aquarius as well as in the moon.

Peace and goodwill will flow lavishly. Idealists will surface and do-gooders will make everyone happy this holiday season.

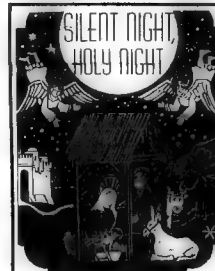
We are all at our most mechanical, so semi-assembled gifts will be less of a problem this year and we should understand the directions that come with ultra-modern electronic and computerized gifts.

Christmas parties will blend old traditions with new. We'll see lots of glitter and plaid and utripes will be in vogue.

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Longtime resident recalls only one bad year

By Daina Marshall

At 92 years, Mrs. Gus Schoen still lives in his own home on the farm he and his wife homesteaded in the Eastford district many years ago.

It is not unusual when driving by one summer day to see him out hoeing in the potato patch. His daughter and son-in-law Cyril and Willy Dusterhoff live in the neighborhood. Mrs. Schoen died nine years ago.

Gus feels that "life is what you make it" and this apparently was the way he approached the struggle of early homesteading.

He came from Germany in 1928 and worked on farms in the Brocksburg district for about 10 months. He married his wife Bertha in 1929 and that same year they moved to their homestead. Bertha came to Canada from Poland.

Prior to coming here Gus spent three years in the German army during WWI. He says that he was lucky, though he was poisoned-by gas and spent two days in hospital. He can't remember the name of it, but it was dangerous stuff and all of the countries at war had it. "If they want to make it better with war they'd better forget about it."

"War is the long run don't do us good. And then hate builds up so much more. One nation against the other, and what good has it done?" he says.

"One brother didn't fare as well. He was one of six men killed by a grenade on Oct. 8, 1918."

Gus had three brothers and three sisters. The living brother and two sisters escaped from Germany when the Communists took over. One sister was unable to leave, but he still corresponds with that family.

The Schoen home was the last place west along what is now the Cypress highway at the time they homesteaded it.

Their lives were typical of most homesteaders in those days. They cleared land and started raising livestock and gardens. A neighbor who managed to get a breaking plow only had one team of horses, but Gus had two teams. So with the plow and six horses they were able to break land for themselves and others. "In hard times people stick



Gus Schoen came here more than 50 years ago.

together and depend more on one another," says Gus.

The Camerons lived just east of them. "In the war I was in the German army and he was in the Canadian, and here we were best friends. If he could help you he never turned you down," says Gus and Dave Cameron, a son, still comes to visit.

People did a lot of visiting. Twice a month a minister came and they would meet in different homes for church services. He would have one service in German and one in English.

"If you want to raise something you never see go hungry," he says.

They grew a garden, butchered pigs, and salted and smoked them so the meat wouldn't spoil. The old smokehouse still stands behind his

house. They had their own chickens, eggs, and milk cream. They fished in nearby Bear Lake, sometimes bringing home a washbasin full of fish which were canned or pickled. There were no doo-houses in those days. "Oh, were they ever good pickled with onions and spices," recalls Gus.

There was also lots of wild meat. "I always liked the gravy from that wild meat. That was really good."

They raised their wheat which they took to Joanne's store in Drayton Valley. "If you know how to go about it you can make a living, but you've got to be not too particular," he says.

At one time they could have used modern medical facilities. They lost their only boy at age 11 days when he suddenly developed double pneumonia, and was dead in 24 hours.

For the first three or four years Gus went to Lament in the fall to work over harvest. He would walk to Estevale with a packhorse on his back and catch a freight train to Edmonton. It was an eight hour walk to Estevale but he said it didn't bother him. "You could sit down along the trail, eat a little bit and go again."

He said the only bad year in almost 80 years was in 1939. A hail storm on the night of Aug. 15 ruined just about everything. Gus had to haul feed for 20 miles with horses, while his wife looked after the livestock. "She from here, and I was pretty near freezing to death on the road," he says. "In all these years, almost 50, that's pretty good."

He and his wife took a trip to Germany in 1939 for two months. They went by boat from Halifax, seven days on the water one way. Gus says, "It was too good and too fancy for ordinary people. They treated us like millionaires. They really fed people good, but with a laugh so many people got seasick and couldn't eat."

Schoens also have a daughter and son-in-law in Tomahawk, Iowa and Herb Zander, and another daughter and son-in-law. Violet and Otto Dusterhoff of Calgary.

Gus can still drive his own car anywhere in Alberta, which he says a gives him lots of room to turn around.

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Board seeks solution for deficits

The board of education is not certain how to deal with a deficit of \$245,780 in funding on 11 completed capital projects.

The cost overruns were discussed briefly

at the finance committee meeting last week. Business Services Director Mel Poole said he would have a recommendation at the next meeting.

In some instances

federal sales tax rebates are due and will reduce the deficit.

Board chairman Ken

Fuhr said the school board has known about these fund deficiencies now for a couple of

months. He is less concerned about the situation than he was initially.

The deficiencies resulted from expenditures beyond what

A \$25,500 deficiency for the county services

building was a result of having to use that

building temporarily as a school before

Shubert Community School was completed.

The largest deficiency, \$184,504, was for construction at Memorial

Campsite High School. Spruce Grove

Compulsory was short \$23,461.

Two-way radios approved

The board of education finance committee approved the purchase of two-way radios for county-owned school buses at a cost of \$13,000.

The radios are a safety

precaution in case

buses become stuck in

snow.

County councillor

George Sewell said if

the decision could be

deferred until the

budget is approved,

but he was reminded

by Schools Superintendent Jack Laughead

that there could be bills

made before then.

Trustees Margaret

McNery expressed con-

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Dental hygiene career choice

By Ray Latschky
Some day when Candice Ulmer is finished school she hopes to become a dental hygienist. Candice is presently in Grade 11 at the Elementary "B" school in Drayton Valley at the age of 10 years.

She enjoys playing soccer, rowing, swimming, riding horses, walking, and collecting stickers. She says she's collected about 100 different stickers.

Candice lives past Violet Grove, with her mom and dad and little brother.

"I like living out of town better than in town," explained Candice. "When you live out of town you have more room to run around, you can ride a horse, and the best thing is that you can wear your hair at the top of your legs and nobody really

When asked if there was anything she would like to change about school she said "Of course. It would be nice if there were less tests, shorter days and more holidays."

Student-at Random

When Candice grows up and finishes high school she hopes to become a dental hygienist. She explained that a dental hygienist is sort of like a medical nurse, except they help a dentist.

"When I was younger I wanted to be a medical nurse, but I don't think so now."

Candice enjoys school, she says her marks are average. They're not too good and they're not too bad.

By Todd Baker
Grade 5A
Elementary "B"

My Trans Am is black with a red trim at the bottom. It goes 160 mph. It has buses in front by the tires and in the back by the

signal lights. It also has air tubes so it can float like a boat.

One day I was taking a drive and saw two men robbing a bank. They hopped on two Honda CR 500s and took off. I chased them

There was a Christmas dance for students during the afternoon of Dec. 21.

Students are making a donation to Santa Anonymous.

St. Anthony School

A Christmas concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18.

Frank Madock High School

On Dec. 21, the staff will be putting on a

seasonal breakfast for students. Admission will be an item for the food hamper



Candice Ulmer is in Grade 5.

turned around and saw me, but I kept chasing them. When we were on level 1 shot one of my leaves and blew his back wheel off. I threw them into my car and took them to the police station.

Formula four

By Duyl Perreux
Grade 5A
Elementary "B" School

One clear Thursday morning in 1984, I mixed sugar, salt, mud and orange juice together in a jug. Then I went downstairs to play

baseball.

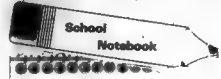
But when I arrived downstairs, my sister threw the formula out the window into the

garbage. Then I picked her up and threw her

again.

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Elementary "B" School

As a follow-up to the parent advisory committee meeting last week, there will be another meeting in January.

Students will present a Christmas program for parents Dec. 19 in the afternoon.

The Knights of Columbus basketball team will be starting in January.

The 60th Anniversary of the school is in charge of distributing

can to each class daily to collect money for the same.

Many classes have taken up special projects to raise money.

The project began Nov. 27 and the present total is \$79.29.

This amount will be matched by the provincial government and donated by the federal government, so the money sent to Ethiopia will be four times that collected by the school.

Elkridge School

There will be a

Christmas concert Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. Rooms 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 15, 20 and 22 will be involved and the Grades 2 and 3 joint choir will perform with some of the staff.

The soup program is successfully underway with half the students buying soup each day.

Elkridge school is encouraging students to give donations to Santa Anonymous instead of giving cash.

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Deciding whether or not to leave the car at home when going to a party isn't something most of us do, after all nobody goes to a party to get drunk.

But a party is a party. And most of us do use alcohol as a part of our socializing. Don't we owe it to ourselves and those we care about to leave the car at home? We can call a cab. Or arrange a ride with a friend who we

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Photo by Bill Cameron

Amoco's new service facility is scheduled for completion in late March or early April 1985.

Complex not just another building

Without a doubt, Amoco Canada's newest building will stand out as the Drayton Valley area's most innovative office/retail complex.

With its garden attitude and emphasis on natural lighting, the \$2 million project is similar to other office buildings the oil company owns or rents in cities such as Edmonton or Calgary.

Larry Poffenbarger, Amoco's district administration supervisor said.

Until last June, the 5,100 square metre facility, along with a warehouse and supply yard is slated for completion in March or early April next year.

"We looked at some of the buildings in other

parts of the country we (Amoco) rent (and) made it similar to those," Poffenbarger said, adding they designed it to provide as much natural lighting to each office as possible.

The entire lower part of the building will be brick and the rest glass, he explained.

Despite poor weather during the summer and an early winter, construction is still well past the half-way mark. Work on the main building is proceeding with interior walls and gypsum while outside work should be nearing completion in the next few weeks.

"There were some delays with window materials," Poffenbarger said, "but they're mainly on-site now and should be installed in the next couple of weeks."

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Christmas services, bottle drives approaching soon

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The Drayton Day Society will be having 6 bottle drives Jan. 6 beginning at 1 p.m. The boys will be in full uniform.

St. Joseph's Anglican Church in Drayton will hold its Christmas service Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Stiel officiating. A special Christmas Eve mass will be held at Drayton Valley at 7 p.m. The regular meeting of the month in Drayton will be cancelled.

The Drayton United Church's White Gift Sunday service will be held Dec. 23 with Carol singing at 8:15 and the service at 9:30 p.m. Gifts should be wrapped in white paper. Lunch will be served after the service.

A special Christmas mass will be held at the Warburg Roman Catholic Church Dec. 24 at midnight. A Dec. 25 Christmas service at 11 a.m. and at Drayton at 2:30 p.m.

The Faith Covenant choir, under the direction of Elvira Strand, will present an hour of content:

St. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Parish
Christmas Mass
December 24th
8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES
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8:45 a.m. Sunday School

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DRAYTON VALLEY 543-5571
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St. Anthony Catholic Church
Pastor: Rev. Fr. 543-5571
Drayton Valley
Sunday 7 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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every and traditional music in a salute entitled "Forever Christmas" Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. A traditional candle light service will be presented Christmas Eve at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the New Year's dance in Drayton are available from Mrs. Wray. The Christmas party for children will be held in Drayton Dec. 22 at 1 p.m. with time and place.

Drayton will be holding their Christmas party for children and teenagers Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. Book Club is having a New Year's dance with the "Night Owl" playing.

The Laidlaw New Year's dance will be 215 per person and "Haywire" is playing.

The New Moon Hill concert will be Dec. 21. The new year party will be Jan. 4. The New Year's dance is 215 per person and "Haywire" is playing.

The next card party at the Pansall Community Centre will be Dec. 12. The Christmas concert will be Dec. 25. A grand opening will be held some time in January. The spring and summer of the planning is completed on the addition. The painting is the washrooms and the storage area is to be done and the ceiling and floor is to be put up.

There was a tri-Valley council meeting between Drayton, Warburg and Thorburn on recreation. They would like to set up a meeting with the three western county councillors to discuss the funding into the regional system.

Merry Christmas
FROM Evergreen

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Planning helps make season more enjoyable

Christmas is a time to enjoy with family and friends, but often it becomes a time of frustration and pressure. For many farm women, the harvest and food preservation season is so much finished that Christmas is looming around the corner. When planning Christmas, be realistic in your expectations. Don't expect a perfect Christmas, just an enjoyable one.

Christmas is made up of a variety of traditions we enjoy, but many of them take time and energy to follow. By applying several time management ideas to Christmas preparations, much of the stress of getting ready for Christmas can be eliminated. A few minutes planning may tell you how, instead of four weeks from now — that you'll never have enough time to get everything done and haven't succeeded.

Sit down with a paper and pen and plan your Christmas. Who do you want to give gifts to? Are the gifts to be purchased or made? What Christmas holiday do you plan to do? Is there any special housecleaning or decorating you plan to

The Homemaker

by Janice McGregor
542-5398

do? Are there any special events or parties you want to give or attend?
Once you have completed the list, decide which items are the most important to your Christmas. Put an "A" beside these items. Put a "B" beside items of moderate importance and a "C" beside items that will make little difference to your Christmas if they don't get done.
When deciding if an item should be ranked A,

it is on C, be analytical and realistic. Do you really need to make 15 different types of fancy cakes and cookies? Assign a B or C to the remaining items on the list.

Examine your A list. What items can you begin working on now? Gift shopping? Food preparation? Set aside some time each week to begin working on your Christmas A's. Time management experts encourage you to do your A list when you feel most energetic. Leave routine jobs to your lower energy times. Analyze each activity in light of the time and the money spent and the satisfaction it will deliver. A week spent making Christmas decorations may not be that worthwhile, but if everyone in the family participates, the closeness that is shared may be well worth the time and effort.

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Amoco takes heat for Lodgepole blowout



About 100 local residents and media personnel attended the hearing.

By Debbie Hinchak
The Lodgepole sour gas blowout which occurred in 1982 could probably have been avoided.

That's the conclusion reached in an extensive report compiled by the Lodgepole Inquiry Panel and released in Drayton Valley Dec. 18.

The panel made up of two Energy Development Commission Board (EDCB) members, two medical doctors and a scientist put together the report as a result of evidence ob-

tained from hearings regarding the blowout which took 40 days to bring under control.

The report placed the blame on the shoulders of Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd., the company which was drilling the well, for human shortcomings and faulty equipment which resulted in the accident.

According to the report, appropriate drilling practices were not being followed at the time and various pieces of vital equipment failed when needed most.

As well, it was noted that the drilling crew apparently did not immediately recognize there was a problem and when the initial gas "kick" occurred, were tardy in applying "kick control procedures."

A series of equipment failures, coupled with a shortage of drilling mud led to a complete loss of well control.

"The well turned out to be a very 'practicable well', noted panel chairman Vera Millard, at a public meeting upon release of the report in Drayton Valley.

He pointed out that the panel believed capping the well while on fire was the only alternative regardless of the dangers involved.



Bob Macdonald was one of several people who addressed the panel.

As for the 20 recommendations outlined in the report, Millard said emphasis must be placed on humans.

The challenge of eliminating blowouts or getting close to eliminating blowouts is to solve the problem with respect to the human factors we all have."

Recommendations regarding this aspect include improving the training of drilling personnel, having a site-specific emergency response plan for critical sour wells, and ensuring effective co-ordination of government response to a blowout.

As well, the panel suggested strict new rules applying to critical sour wells, transmission of the design, capacity, and operating problems of key components of drilling rigs to determine whether changes are necessary, and an increase in EDCB inspection of drilling operations.

Although no scientific evidence was produced during the inquiry, the panel agreed that people in the area experienced some "short-term health effects."

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Amoco disputes blame

Despite the Lodgepole Inquiry Panel's findings, Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd. is in disagreement.

"We disagree that the blowout probably could have been avoided," says Amoco spokesman Don Smith of Calgary.

"The conflicting conclusions of the two groups arise from what Smith says is a suggestion made in the report that in the absence of human error, equipment failures largely blamed for the blowout could have been overcome.

"We're saying in our view of the matter based on the experience of being actively involved with the problem on site, that the individuals did an excellent job as far as we're concerned. They did what was humanly possible and reasonable in view of the situation."

Smith says regardless of the panel's conclusion, it would have been impossible for workers involved during the blowout to foresee equipment failures.

"We don't believe that once the series of

equipment failures started that there was any way to predict what would happen next."

He points out that the panel concluded all personnel and drill operations at the scene were well trained and experienced.

As a result, Smith says it is Amoco's belief that the substitution of another crew, more personnel, or other supervisors would not have resulted in overcoming the blowout unless they had the same hindsight which was available to the panel.

However, he adds this does not mean that the company is bowing out with the notion of not being ready for the unforeseen.

"The report indicates in various places that one must be prepared — we agree," explains Smith.

"But, before something unexpected happens it's impossible to tell the sequence which will come to make up the series of events which follow."

To date, Smith says that is Amoco's only response to the inquiry report but he notes it is still being studied in detail.